



Tips for Managing Western Conifer Seed Bugs

Description

- **Adults:** A rather bizarre appearing insect. About 3/4 inch long, brownish on top, upper side of abdomen yellow or light orange. They release a foul odor if crushed or handled.
- **Nymphs:** Initially orange, but become reddish brown after a few molts.
- **Eggs:** About 2 mm in length. Laid in chains on conifer needles.

Prevention

- In the Home - Exclusion is the key to success.
- Replace loosely fitting screens, windows, and doors.
- Seal gaps and cracks in walls, chimney, roof, soffits, doors, and windows.
- Screen fireplace chimneys and attic and wall vents.

Management

- These insects do not bite or breed indoors. However, they have been reported to damage PEX pipes.
- Vacuum, swat, or capture and return them to the outdoors.



Least Risk Pesticides

The use of pesticides is not recommended.

Further Management Options

Contact the Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office (1-800-287-0279), your county Extension office, or visit

<http://www.gotpests.org/>.

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https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated_pest_management/ipm_council.shtml

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